



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

North Phoenix Regional Council

## Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order

The regular and work session meeting of the First Things First North Phoenix Regional Council of the – Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 5:00pm in the Governing Board Room of the Washington Elementary School District Office, 4650 West Sweetwater, Glendale, AZ 85304.

### Members Present:

Sally Downing, Connie Robinson, Dr. Elaine Ellis, James Emch, Jenna Goad, Rabbi H. Rafael Goldstein, Bill Adams.

### Absent:

Gina Ramos-Montes, Karyn Parker, Mindy Zapata.

North Phoenix, Chairman Bill Adams welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 5:05p.m.

### Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member James Emch to approve the November Meeting Minutes 11/5/2008 and 11/21/2008. Seconded by Council Member, Dr. Elaine Ellis, motion carried.

### Call to the Public

North Phoenix, Chairman Adams made call to the public. No requests were made.

### Council Member Updates

North Phoenix Chairman Adams made a call for any updates. Several members gave personal updates. Updates that aligned with FTF issues and concerns included the following: Member James Emch attended the Regional Meeting with Member Sally Downing. As an outcome, they are worried that most people still don't know what FTF is all about. Member Dr. Elaine Ellis is concerned with the pediatricians patients, with their no shows and lack of being able to pay their co-pays. Member Sally Downing works for Arizona Dept. of Education, and this state agency is losing employees and can't hire new ones due to the budget and hiring freeze. Chairman Adams updated everyone on the Board Meeting that he presented the North Phoenix Funding Plan.

### Discussion of Legislative Contact Plan

North Phoenix Chairman Adams spoke about the Legislative Contact plan and came up with some ideas about a Sub-Committee/Ad-hoc Legislative committee. Member James Emch volunteered to be part of Sub-Committee.

Regional Coordinator Brenda Tomlin will speak to absent Members Gina Montes, Karyn Parker, and Mindy Zapata about their interest in being a part of the Sub-Committee.

It was also identified that a small work group would be needed to work with Council Members from the Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council to further define the "Warm Line" strategy (#8) that was returned to us from the State Board for further development. Council Member Ellis and Council Member Downing offered to represent the group to assist with this task. The Regional Coordinators from the two Councils will work out a time and place for all of us to meet. Once the strategy has been more fully defined, it can be presented again to the State Board for consideration. There was no time limit set on when this needed to be accomplished.

#### **Review of Funding Plans**

Regional Coordinator Brenda Tomlin introduced the Funding Plan Summary for all of Maricopa. No Motions were made. It was advised that where possible, RFGA's will be issued jointly. Internal work groups are in the process of being established to review strategies across all goal areas for alignment. Policy staff, Finance staff and Coordinators will be a part of this review process.

#### **RFGA Training**

Regional Coordinator Brenda Tomlin introduced a presentation on the RFGA Process. No Motions made.

#### **Discussion and Recommendation for Additional RFGA Training Sites**

Council members requested a list of the contacts that the Coordinator had already made to set up "meet and greets". Once this list is received, they will add further contacts as deemed necessary. Regional Coordinator Brenda Tomlin did advise that at least two additional dates/sites within Phoenix would be established to present the RFGA information. Once those dates/sites have been established, that information will also be sent out to Council members to allow them to distribute it to the community.

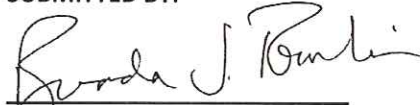
#### **Establish/Discuss Future Agenda Items**

Next Meeting will be January 13, 2009 at 4:30pm in the Governing Board Room of the Washington Elementary School District Office, 4650 West Sweetwater, Glendale, AZ 85304.

#### **Adjournment**

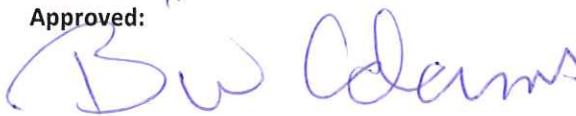
There being no further business, Chairman Adams adjourned the North Phoenix Regional Council meeting at 6:39p.m.

#### **SUBMITTED BY:**



Brenda Tomlin, North Phoenix Regional Council Coordinator

Approved:



Bill Adams, North Phoenix Regional Council Chair